

2 Maccabees



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15: 1

But Nicanor,
hearing that
Judas and his
company were

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**in the strong
places about
Samaria,
resolved
without any
danger to set
upon them on
the sabbath day.**

15=2

**Nevertheless the
Jews that were**

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**compelled to go
with him said,
O destroy not
so cruelly and
barbarously, but
give honour to
that day, which
he, that seeth all
things, hath
honoured with
holiness above**

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all other days.

15=3

**Then
the most
ungracious
wretch
demanded, if
there were a
Mighty one in
heaven, that had**

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**commanded the
sabbath day
to be kept.**

15:4

**And when they
said, There is in
heaven a living
Lord, and
mighty, who
commanded the**

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**seventh day
to be kept:**

15=5

**Then said the
other, And I also
am mighty upon
earth, and I
command to
take arms, and
to do the king's
business. Yet he**

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**obtained not to
have his wicked
will done.**

15:6

**So Nicanor in
exceeding
pride and
haughtiness
determined to
set up a publick
monument of**

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**his victory over
Judas and
them that
were with him.**

15:7

**But
Maccabeus
had ever sure
confidence that
the Lord would
help him:**

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15:8

**Wherefore he
exhorted his
people not to
fear the coming
of the heathen
against them,
but to remember
the help which
in former times
they had**

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**received from
heaven, and
now to expect
the victory and
aid, which
should come
unto them from
the Almighty.**

15:9

And so

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**comforting
them
out of the
law and the
prophets, and
withal putting
them in mind of
the battles that
they won afore,
he made them
more cheerful.**

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15: 10

**And when
he had stirred
up their minds,
he gave them
their charge,
shewing them
therewithall the
falsehood of
the heathen,
and the breach**

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of oaths.

15: 11

**Thus he
armed every
one of them,
not so much
with defence
of shields and
spears, as with
comfortable
and**

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**good words:
and beside
that, he told
them a dream
worthy to be
believed, as
if it had
been so indeed,
which did not a
little rejoice
them.**

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15: 12

**And this was
his vision: That
Onias, who had
been high
priest, a
virtuous and
a good man,
reverend in
conversation,
gentle in**

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**condition, well
spoken also,
and exercised
from a child in
all points of
virtue, holding
up his hands
prayed for the
whole body
of the Jews.**

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15= 13

**This done, in
like manner
there appeared
a man with gray
hairs, and
exceeding
glorious, who
was of a
wonderful and**

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**excellent
majesty.**

15: 14

**Then Onias
answered,
saying, This is
a lover of the
brethren, who
prayeth much
for the people,
and for the holy**

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**city, to wit,
Jeremias the
prophet of God.**

15= 15

**Whereupon
Jeremias
holding forth his
right hand gave
to Judas a
sword of gold,
and in giving it**

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spake thus,

15: 16

**Take this holy
sword, a gift
from God,
with the
which thou
shalt wound
the
adversaries.**

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15= 17

Thus being well comforted by the words of Judas, which were very good, and able to stir them up to valour, and to encourage the

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**hearts of the
young men,
they determined
not to pitch
camp, but
courageously to
set upon them,
and manfully to
try the matter
by conflict,
because the**

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**city and the
sanctuary and
the temple were
in danger.**

15= 18

**For the care that
they took for
their wives, and
their children,
their brethren,**

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**and folks, was
in least account
with them: but
the greatest and
principal fear
was for the
holy temple.**

15: 19

**Also they that
were in the city
took not the**

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**least care, being
troubled for the
conflict abroad.**

15=20

**And now, when
as all looked
what should be
the trial, and the
enemies were
already come
near, and the**

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**army was set
in array, and
the beasts
conveniently
placed, and the
horsemen set
in wings,**

15=21

**Maccabeus
seeing the
coming of the**

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**multitude, and
the divers
preparations
of armour, and
the fierceness
of the beasts,
stretched out
his hands
toward heaven,
and called upon
the Lord that**

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**worketh
wonders,
knowing that
victory cometh
not by arms,
but even as it
seemeth good
to him, he
giveth it to
such as are
worthy:**

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15=22

**Therefore in his
prayer he said
after this
manner; O Lord,
thou didst send
thine angel in
the time of
Ezekias king of
Judea, and didst
slay in the host**

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**of Sennacherib
an hundred
fourscore and
five thousand:**

15:23

**Wherefore now
also, O Lord of
heaven, send a
good angel
before us for a
fear and dread**

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unto them;

15:24

**And through the
might of thine
arm let those be
stricken with
terror, that
come against
thy holy people
to blaspheme.**

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**And he
ended thus.**

15=25

**Then
Nicanor and
they that were
with him came
forward with
trumpets and
songs.**

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15=26

**But Judas
and his
company
encountered the
enemies with
invocation and
prayer.**

15=27

So that fighting

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**with their
hands, and
praying unto
God with their
hearts, they
slew no less
than thirty and
five thousand
men: for
through the
appearance of**

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**God they were
greatly cheered.**

15=28

**Now when the
battle was done,
returning again
with joy, they
knew that
Nicanor lay
dead in his
harness.**

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15=29

**Then they
made a great
shout and a
noise, praising
the Almighty
in their own
language.**

15=30

And Judas, who

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**was ever the
chief defender
of the citizens
both in body
and mind, and
who continued
his love toward
his countrymen
all his life,
commanded to
strike off**

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**Nicanor's head,
and his hand
with his
shoulder, and
bring them to
Jerusalem.**

15=31

**So when he was
there, and called
them of his**

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**nation together,
and set the
priests before
the altar, he
sent for them
that were of
the tower,**

15=32

**And shewed
them**

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**vile Nicanor's
head, and the
hand of that
blasphemer,
which with
proud brags he
had stretched
out against the
holy temple of
the Almighty.**

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15=33

**And when
he had cut out
the tongue of
that ungodly
Nicanor, he
commanded
that they should
give it by pieces
unto the fowls,**

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**and hang up the
reward of his
madness before
the temple.**

15:34

**So every man
praised toward
the heaven the
glorious Lord,
saying, Blessed
be he that hath**

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**kept his own
place undefiled.**

15=35

**He hanged also
Nicanor's head
upon the tower,
an evident and
manifest sign
unto all of the
help of the Lord.**

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15=36

**And they
ordained all with
a common
decree in no
case to let that
day pass
without
solemnity, but**

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**to celebrate the
thirtieth day of
the twelfth
month, which in
the Syrian
tongue is called
Adar, the
day before
Mardocheus'**

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day.

15=37

**Thus went it
with Nicanor:
and from that
time forth the
Hebrews had
the city in their
power. And
here will I**

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make an end.

15=38

**And if I have
done well, and
as is fitting the
story, it is that
which I desired:
but if slenderly
and meanly, it is
that which I**

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**could attain
unto.**

15=39

**For as
it is hurtful
to drink wine
or water
alone; and as
wine mingled
with water is
pleasant,**

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**and delighteth
the taste:
even so
speech
finely
framed
delighteth
the ears of
them that
read the
story.**

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**And here
shall be
an end.**

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